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## **Kevin Grumbach, MD, of the University of California, San Francisco Named California Campus Compact's 2009 Richard E. Cone Award Recipient**

*UCSF's Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine recognized for his impact on community-campus partnerships in the fields of health, health care and medical education service-learning.*

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**San Francisco, CA** – California Campus Compact has selected Kevin Grumbach, MD, Professor and Chair of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Family and Community Medicine and Chief of Family and Community Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital, as the recipient of California Campus Compact's 2009 Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education.

California Campus Compact developed the Richard E. Cone Award in response to the recommendations of service-learning practitioners throughout California who expressed hope that creating such an award would inspire all higher education institutions to consider ways to deepen their efforts to institutionalize and sustain authentic community-campus partnerships.

“Dr. Grumbach exemplifies the commitment, spirit and integrity that we seek to recognize, reward and highlight with the Richard E. Cone Award,” said Elaine Ikeda, Ph.D., Executive Director of California Campus Compact. “We appreciate his vision and leadership in reinforcing the importance of community-campus partnerships to the field of service-learning and civic engagement.”

During his tenure at UCSF, Dr. Grumbach has been a leader in supporting service-learning curricula at UCSF to train the next generation of health providers and has had significant impact on community-campus partnerships in the fields of health, health care and medical education service-learning.

Dr. Grumbach has been instrumental in the planning and/or leading of the Community Partnership Research Center in UCSF's Department of Family and Community Medicine, the University Task Force on Community Partnerships and the University-Community Partnership Council. He also led the development of a new Community Engagement Program for UCSF's Clinical Translational Science Institute and now co-directs the program. In addition, he has devoted considerable effort to the UCSF Program in Medical Education for the Urban Underserved (PRIME-US) and its service-learning curriculum.

Dr. Grumbach has been an important driving force in the Bayview-Hunters Point Health & Environmental Assessment Task Force, which conducted a community-based participatory research community survey to evaluate residents' concerns, health problems, environmental exposure and access to health care. The research project has served to inform community-based interventions in Bayview-Hunters Point, an underserved neighborhood in the southeastern portion of San Francisco that contains nearly one-third of San Francisco's toxic waste sites.

Karen G. Pierce, a community partner from Bayview-Hunters Point, described Dr. Grumbach as “tireless” in “his efforts to build bridges with communities and provide services where gaps exist. ... The final test is that after more than 10 years, he is still working with us, attending community meetings and finding new and innovative ways to partner with communities.”

#### About the Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education

Richard E. Cone, Ph.D., has been a voice in the national dialogue on experiential education, civic engagement and service-learning since the 1970s, and has provided a guiding spirit and voice in the development and evolution of California Campus Compact since its beginnings more than 20 years ago. For 25 years, he directed the much-lauded Joint Educational Project (JEP) at the University of Southern California from which he retired in 2002. In 1999, California Campus Compact presented Dick Cone with the first Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education. Since then, the award has been bestowed annually upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education and communities – partnerships through which student learning and the quality of life in communities are simultaneously improved.

#### About California Campus Compact

Since its founding in 1988, California Campus Compact has worked to build the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities throughout California to advance civic and community engagement for a health, just and democratic society. Through innovative programs and initiatives, grant funding, training and technical assistance, professional development and powerful research studies and publications, California Campus Compact each year invests in and champions more than 500,000 students, faculty members, administrators and community members involved in diverse and ground-breaking activities that support and expand civic and community engagement throughout California. For more information, please visit [www.cacampuscompact.org](http://www.cacampuscompact.org).

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